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'To Any Armed Attack, We Will Reply,' LBJ

President Johnson told an audience in New York, Feb. 23, that this nation's purpose is solely to defend against aggression in Vietnam, and "to any armed attack, we will reply."

He made it clear that this country is not caught in a blind escalation of force that would lead to a wider war.

Speaking before an audience of 1,500 at a Freedom House dinner, the President said, "Our measured use of force will and must be continued. But this is a prudent firmness under what I believe is careful control. There is not, and there will not be, a mindless escalation."

The President was in New York to receive the Freedom House National Freedom Award. It was the first time in 23 years that the award has been given to a President in office.

Seek $59.9 Billion in New DOD Obligational Authority

A budgetary system, similar to that used during the Korean War, has been proposed by Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara as a solution to the problems being encountered in South Vietnam.

He made the proposal while requesting $59.9 billion in new obligational authority for DOD during FY67. Total obligational authority is estimated at $61.4 billion.

Appearing before a joint session of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Senate Subcommittee on DOD Appropriations, the Secretary noted FY67 expenditures are estimated at $58.3 billion.

Included in DOD's FY66 supplementals and the FY67 budgets of the military departments are requirements for the support of RVN armed forces and other free world military assistance forces engaged there. Previously, these requirements were financed in the Military Assistance Program (MAP). Other MAP funds will be legislated separately.

During the Korean War, Secretary McNamara explained, this arrangement gave the field commanders maximum flexibility in the allocation of available resources and improved the support for forces employed.

ANNIVERSARY—During a conference on plans to kick off the 1966 Savings Bonds drive, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) Thomas D. Morris displays a Treasury Department poster commemorating 25 years of "Star-Spangled Security for Americans."

Freedoms Foundation Cites Military Civic Action Program

Civic action programs of the Department of Defense and military services received special recognition Feb. 22 when Freedoms Foundation's highest honor, the George Washington Award, was presented during ceremonies at Valley Forge, Pa.

"American men in the honored uniforms of our military services are making a new break-through in winning the hearts and minds of the people," a citation accompanying the award noted.

Presenting awards at the 17th annual ceremony was Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, Freedoms Foundation president. Accepting the award in behalf of Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara was Maj. Gen. Robert F. Seedlock, USA, Director of Military Personnel.

Receiving special plaques for the individual services were: Maj. Gen. Eugene B. LeBailly, USAF; Maj. Gen. Herman Nickerson Jr., USMC; RAdm. Leonard Bailey, USN; and Gen. Seedlock, USA.

"For creation of a new spirit," the citation stated, "a sword forged from the determination of free Americans to extend the opportunities of freedom to others and honed by the determination of free government to defend those opportunities."

Washington Memos

PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAS named RAdm. Willard J. Smith, Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District, Cleveland Ohio, as successor to Adm. Edwin J. Roland, Commandant of the Coast Guard, who is retiring May 31. RAdm. Smith, a former superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy, will receive promotion to admiral with the appointment.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE has asked Selective Service System to provide 900 male nurses for active duty in Army and Navy, beginning this April. This is first call placed with Selective Service for nurses since President Johnson signed authorizing Executive Order Jan. 18, 1966. It is anticipated that male nurses will serve in commissioned or warrant officer grades.

RELOCATION OF WASHINGTON Army Courier Station from Pentagon to 880 S. Pickett St., Alexandria, Va., has been accomplished. The station, serving all the armed forces, was moved because of increased space requirements and workload.

SEVEN UNITS OF 9th Inf. Div. were organized at Ft. Riley, Kan., Feb. 23. They are: Hq. Co., 1st Bde.; Hq. Co. and Band, Sup. Comd.; S&T Bn.; Hq. and Co. A, 9th Med. Bn.; 2nd Bn., 39th Inf.; 1st Bn., 11th Arty.; Hq. and Hq. Btry., 9th Div. Arty.

CASUALTY FIGURES REVEAL 2,108 U.S. service personnel in RVN lost their lives in hostile action from Jan. 1, 1961 through Feb. 14, 1966. Ground action claimed 1,702 lives, with 406 deaths resulting from aircraft accidents and incidents. Additionally, 567 deaths are recorded from non-hostile action causes.

LAW DAY, U.S.A., will be observed May 1. Proclaimed each year by President, it was set aside as an annual day of celebration by Congress in 1961.

180 JUMPS WERE MADE from the C-141 Starlifter during paradrop tests at Ft. Campbell, Ky. Military Airlift Command recorded two firsts, marking the first such mission by an all-MAC crew and the first C-141 jump by a MAC-man. Jumpers included 101st Airborne Division members, Air Force combat controllers and C-141 joint test personnel.

LAST OF NAVY'S U-1B "Otters," single engine, ski-equipped aircraft used by Antarctic Air Squadron (VX-6) in early days of Operation Deep Freeze, has been retired. Aircraft was used for trail party support, reconnaissance missions and photographic assignments.

ARCHITECTS HAVE BEEN selected to make preliminary designs of a new Defense office building to be located at Bolling-Anacostia, Washington, D.C. Navy's Bureau of Yards and Docks is responsible for overall design and construction of the new building that will have 10,000 DOD personnel assigned. It will have 2.6 million square feet of office space.

THREE ASTRONAUTS HAVE twice gone into space. They are Capt. Walter M. Schirra, USN, Lt. Col. Virgil I. Grissom, USAF, and Lt. Col. Leroy Gordon Cooper Jr., USAF. Capt. Schirra and Maj. Thomas P. Stafford, USAF, were launched into orbit Dec. 15 and rendezvoused with Gemini 7 for the first successful space rendezvous mission.

DOLPHIN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS must be submitted before April 1966. Forms and information can be obtained by writing to Bureau of Naval Personnel (Pers G221), Department of the Navy, Washington, D.C. 20370.

NEW AWARD FOR Air Force professionalism has been named "The Eugene M. Zuckert Award" honoring the former Air Force secretary. It will be presented annually at the national Arnold Air Society meeting. Mr. Zuckert will make the first presentation this April in Dallas.

HOSPITAL SHIP USS REPOSE, recommissioned in October 1965 after multi-million dollar updating of medical facilities, is operating off coast of the RVN in Chu Lai and Da Nang areas. Repose is Navy's only hospital ship commissioned, first in action since Korean War.

NAVY'S NEW AIRBORNE early warning system, E-2A Hawkeye, was delivered to Norfolk Naval Air Station, Va., Feb. 7. Aircraft was assigned to Carrier Airborne Early Landing Squadron Twelve (VAW-12). Hawkeye is designed to alert a task force of approaching hostile aircraft, control and vector interceptors to most advantageous attack positions.

COAST GUARD CUTTER Confidence, fourth of new class of 210-foot rescue cutters, was commissioned Feb. 19, at Baltimore, Md. Confidence will be based at Kodiak, Alaska, for law enforcement work and search and rescue.

MERCHANT MARINE COUNCIL of U.S. Coast Guard will hold public hearing March 21, to receive comments, views and data on proposed changes in navigation and vessel inspection rules and regulations. Comments may be made in person or writing. If written, address to: Commandant (CMC), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C. 21226. They must be received before March 18, 1966.

"FIRST OF 94" IS the distinction won by Naval Reserve Research Company 11-5, San Diego. The California unit won the award for General Excellence for FY65 competing with 93 other NRRCs.

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Background For Commanders

Korea—A Free-World Partner in the Far East*

The Republic of Korea increasingly is carrying its own weight as a member of the family of free nations. Five years ago U.S. economic assistance grants to Korea amounted to about $300 million annually; today they are well under $100 million. Korea not only bears the major burden of its own defense but makes a major contribution to the support of the Republic of Vietnam.

Korea, however, continues to face problems:

- Defense against the threat of renewed Communist aggression;
- Secure establishment of its political institutions;
- Economic development;
- Unification, a problem created by the unnatural division of a country with 2,000 years of recorded history, a common culture and a single language.

The Republic of Korea has a constitutionally established government under its freely elected President Chung Kee Park. The people have shown dedication to democratic ideals and, since the return to civil rule, political activities have steadily moved toward democracy and civic responsibility.

Partnership in Mutual Security

Based on our 1954 mutual defense treaty, the United States maintains powerful forces in Korea under the UN Command. Through our military assistance program we help the Korean armed forces insure the security of the Republic. To this end we have provided military assistance to Korea of about $2.2 billion since 1950. Korean and American fighting men jointly guard the thin line separating South Korea from the Communists to the north.

Because of sacrifices of the fighting men of the Republic of Korea and UN forces during the Korean Conflict and their continued vigilance today, Korea has progressed economically and politically, in security from Communist subversion and aggression.

Korea's Role in the Far East

Two major developments of 1965 in the Far East have involved the Republic of Korea—the signing of the Korea-Japan normalization agreements and the Korean decision to send a combat force to aid the Republic of Vietnam.

It has not been easy for the Republic of Korea and Japan to settle the differences which have kept them apart for so many years. The past colonial relationship between the countries has made it emotionally difficult. The U.S. applauds the agreements between our two free-world friends. The free world will be strengthened and both Korean and Japanese economies will benefit.

In Vietnam, Korea is in the forefront of the free-world effort. Korea has sent 2,600 soldiers for non-combat duties—an engineer battalion, security units and a first-rate hospital unit. It has also sent a combat division for service in Vietnam.

Partnership in Economic Progress

The Republic of Korea has steadily reconstructed an economy ravaged by three years of war. In the past two years, the economy has grown at the rate of more than six percent annually.

In agriculture, Korea is moving toward self-sufficiency by using new techniques and expanding the land in productive use. Exports have increased in value from $32 million in 1960 to $170 million in 1965. This is all the more impressive because Korea is not a land richly blessed with natural resources. Resources have been allocated carefully and the Korean people have worked hard.

Korea's development has enabled it to make effective use of development loans. We have already committed more than $150 million to such loans to Korea. An additional $150 million in development loan funds for agreed projects will be made available.

Partnership in Exchange of Men and Ideas

Close cultural ties, particularly in education, have existed between us from the beginning of the Korean-American relationship in 1883. American missionaries and teachers in Korea, and Korean scholars in the United States, laid the groundwork for our friendship. Since the 19th century, the exchange of ideas and men between our two Nations has been actually beneficial.

A Bridge of Friendship and Faith

In sum, the United States sees Korea as any invaluable member of the free-world community—a key partner and bulwark for peace in East Asia. We are proud of our partnership in peace with Korea, in Vietnam and elsewhere.

*(*Based on an address by William P. Bundy, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs.*)

Shillelagh System a Step Closer to Being Operational

Army's Shillelagh anti-tank guided missile system is a step closer to being operational following delivery of the first production-line model of the weapon.

Its 152mm gun-launcher can fire either missiles or conventional ammunition and is said to be capable of defeating any known opposing armor.

Shillelagh will be the main armament for the Gen. Sheridan armored reconnaissance airborne assault vehicle, the M60A1E1 tank and the main battle tank of the 1970s. Delivery of the first production-line model was made at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant by the Aeronutronic Corp., prime contractor for Shillelagh.

Army Modifies Reserve Officer Retention Program

Army has modified its selective retention program allowing certain reserve officers of all grades to remain voluntarily on active duty beyond the retirement eligibility date.

Those reaching retirement eligibility, or who are eligible and complete a "two-year promotion lock-in," during FY67 will be screened by Army to determine if their services are needed.

DA will contact selected officers, offering from 12-36 months retention, and will request each one to indicate either acceptance or rejection.

Officers will be notified of final action at least six months prior to release or retirement eligible date in most cases.

Pick Qualified Tax Advisors

Taxpayers who need professional help filling out 1965 Federal income tax returns should select qualified and reputable advisors, an Internal Revenue Service spokesman said.

When selecting an advisor, he said, avoid those who "guarantee" tax refunds or want a percentage of the refund. Never sign a blank return or a form completed in pencil.

Your advisor should sign the form he prepares. Keep his name and address on file. Taxpayers may delegate the work of preparing a return, but not legal responsibilities.

TOP VISITOR—Gen. Kenneth B. Hobson (left), commander of USAF Logistics Command, gets first-hand view of his command's efforts in support of the Vietnam war from Maj. Gen. Earl C. Hedlund, Commander, AFLC's Warner-Robins Air Materiel Area.

AF Sales in 1965 Help Cut Deficit

Air Force military sales of more than $350 million in 1965 contributed to the reduction of the U.S. deficit in international transactions.

Total U.S. deficit for 1965 was $1.299 billion. This is less than one-half the 1964 deficit and the lowest since 1957.

The Air Force military sales effort is expected to continue rising in 1966 to a goal of approximately $600 million to $1 billion.

Overseas Units to Hold ARC Campaigns in April

The traditional month-long American Red Cross Campaign for members and funds for 1966 will be held on most U.S. military installations overseas March 31—April 30.

No active campaign will be held in Vietnam following ARC policy set in WWI, WWII and the Korean Conflict.

Military installations in the U.S. will hold their campaigns in accordance with local policy.

Services to the armed forces is the largest single ARC expenditure and during FY64-65 more than $39 million was used for this purpose. Because of increased ARC staffing necessary in Southeast Asia this figure is expected to reach $44 million during FY66-67.

Army Morning Reports To be Changed March 1

Army is changing Morning Report requirements March 1 by eliminating unnecessary entries and reports to help reduce the administrative workload.

Strength by grade entries will not be required and "No Change" reports will be eliminated, except when no change occurs on the last day of the month.

A simple numbering system has been devised to control receipt of the MRs.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Maj. Gen. John W. White, USAF, Comdr. AF Special Weapons Center, to Asst. to Comdr., AF Systems Command, Kirtland AFB, N.M., March 1. **Maj. Gen. William E. Elder, USAF,** Comdr., 25th NORAD Command Region, McChord AFB, Wash., to Vice Air Deputy, Allied Forces Northern Europe, Oslo, Norway, April 1. **Maj. Gen. Sidney S. Wade, USMC,** to succeed **Maj. Gen. Rathvon McC. Tompkins, USMC,** as Dep CofS, CINCLANT. **Brig. Gen. Ronald R. Van Stockum, USMC,** CG, LFTUPac, to succeed **Brig. Gen. Melvin D. Henderson, USMC,** as Dep Comdr., FMFPac/I MAC (Fwd). **RAdm. Edward J. Fahy, USN,** sworn in Feb. 14 as Chief of BuShips; had been Commander in San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyard.

CONTRACT AWARDS

General Electric Co., Burlington, Vt.: $4,258,000 fixed-price contract for repair parts for M61A1 20mm guns and XM12 armament pods. **(Army)**

Westinghouse Electric Corp., Baltimore, Md.: $20,520,000 fixed-price contract for classified development effort related to the Fleet Ballistic Missile Weapon System. **(Navy)**

IIT Research Inst., Chicago, Ill.: $4,695,000 increment to an existing contract for operation of an electromagnetic analysis center for space studies. **(Air Force)**

Enterprise Wire Co., Blue Island, Ill.: $4,040,640 fixed-price contract for 368,000 coils of concertina barbed wire. **(DSA)**